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SUBJECT: BRITISH RESPONSE TO KENYAN ARMS AID REQUEST

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1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER DUFF CALLED AT EMBASSY TODAY TO BRIEF ME ON BRITISH RESPONSE TO RECENT KENYAN REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF KENYA'S SIX-YEAR ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION PROGRAM.

2. DUFF OFFICIALLY INFORMED KENYA DEFENCE MINISTRY PERMSEC KIEREINI LAST WEEK THAT "IT WAS SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO OFFER ANY DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO ARMS EXPANSION PROGRAM, HOTEVER WELL JUSTIFIED IT MIGHT SEEM ON DEFENSE GROUNDS.". HOWEVER, HE ASSURED KIEREINI THAT THE UK WOULD CONTINUE KENYA'S PRESENT VERY LARGE SHARE OF UK'S FOREIGN MILITARY TRAINING BUDGET. MOREOVER, HE TOLD KIEREINI THAT ANY SALES OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO KENYA WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE ON "PREFERENTIAL" CREDIT TERMS WHICH WE UNDERSTAND MEANS INTEREST RATE OF ABOUT SEVEN PERCENT WITH REPAYMENT PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. FINALLY DUFF TOLD KIEREINI THAT
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KENYA'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM WOULD BE

HELPED BY TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION POUND PROGRAM AID OFFERED IN JANUARY WHICH COULD NOW, LIKE OTHER BRITISH AID, HE PROVIDED ON GRANT BASIS. DUFF SAID KENYA COULD EXPECT FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS OF THIS KIND AS LONG AS KENYA'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM EXISTED, BUT COULD NOT PROMISE SPECIFIC AMOUNTS FOR FUTURE YEARS. HE POINTED OUT THAT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE WOULD IN EFFECT ENABLE KENYA TO USE OTN RESOURCES FOR ARMS PURCHASES.

3. KIEREINI TOLD DUFF THAT, IN ADDITION TO HAVING APPROACHED AMERICANS, HE HAD RAISED QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE WITH GERMAN AMBASSADOR WHO OPINED THAT GERMANY MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER GENEROUS TERMS FOR ADDITIONAL TRUCKS FOR KENYAN ARMED FORCES AS HAD BEEN DONE PREVIOUSLY. BUT GERMAN AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT LEOPARD TANKS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO KENYA ON THIS BASIS KIEREINI TOLD DUFF THAT THIS MEANT THAT KENYA WOULD HAVE TO GO FOR VICKERS TANK, INASMUCH AS AMERICAN TANKS WERE FAR TOO BIG FOR KENYA CONDITIONS.

4. DUFF ALSO URGED KIEREINI TO APPROACH SHAH OF IRAN FOR ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF ARMS ACQUISITIONS. KIEREINI SAID THAT HE WOULD SOON SEEK AUTHORIZATION FROM PRESIDENT KENYATTA TO "BROADEN THEIR EFFORTS" TO OBTAIN SUCH ASSISTANCE WHICH HE SAID WOULD MEAN RENEWED APPROACHES TO IRAN, U.S., AND GERMANS.

5. I ALSO BROUGHT DUFF UP TO DATE ON CURRENT STATUS OF U.S. EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO KENYA IN MILITARY FIELD. MARSHALL

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